

**Week at a Glance…**

**Theme: Fall/Halloween**

**Monday: Bats**

**Tuesday: Bats**

**Wednesday: Halloween Celebration**

**Thursday: NO SCHOOL**

**Friday: NO SCHOOL**

**Here’s What’s Jumpin’ in the Jungle**

October 26, 2009

I am very proud of the boys and girls for handling the news about our cancelled field trips so well! The elements simply didn’t cooperate for us, but rest assured we had fun staying at school for a full day (well, almost) just like the Kindergarteners! Please keep your eyes peeled for your field trip money to be refunded this week…we will be sending it in your child’s folder. Also, we are looking to visit Mulberry Lane this spring as part of our farm unit.

This week we are finishing up our small group work from last week and on Wednesday we will be having our classroom Halloween party. This week we will be taking time to learn a little bit about bats. We will read the stories ­­There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat and Stellaluna.

**­Please remember to send your child in costume, Wednesday, October 28th. Also, please apply any makeup at home and please refrain from sending weapons as part of a costume.**

**Next Week at a Glance…**

Theme: Nursery Rhymes

Monday: Itsy Bitsy Spider

Tuesday: Little Miss Muffet

Wednesday: Ba Ba Black Sheep

Thursday: Mary Had a Little Lamb Little Boy Blue

Friday: Little Bo Peep

Next week we will begin a three week unit on Nursery Rhymes. This is such a fun unit for the boys and girls. We will be focusing on the following nursery rhymes: Itsy Bitsy Spider, Little Miss Muffet, BaBa Black Sheep, Mary Had a Little Lamb, Little Boy Blue and Little Bo Peep. On Monday we will use shapes to create Itsy Bitsy spider houses. Our small group work will focus on number recognition as we go on a sheep hunt, counting as we will be rolling dice and putting that many spiders on our web, use pictures to put the rhyme Little Miss Muffet in the correct order and listening for rhyming words in a book about Mary’s Little Lamb. Our art projects will be creating adorable spiders and bubble painting black sheep.

**Thank You!**

Thanks in advance for all of the families who supplied us with Halloween goodies for our celebration!

Thanks to all families for your understanding about the cancellation of our Mulberry trips!

Thanks to our wonderful parent helpers this week, we love having you in the world of 4K!

Thanks for your promptness in returning conference request forms!!!!

**King/ Queen of the Jungle!**

**Last week the AM class learned more about Irena Watorek-VanCamp. We had a fun visit from her mom who shared some wonderful pictures of Irena’s trip to Poland. She even taught us some words in Polish! We learned that Irena wants to be a princess when she grows up and that one of her favorite foods is olives!**

**The PM class learned more about Jordan Kenney. We learned she has a twin sister who is in Mrs. Meerdink’s class. Jordan also shared with us that she loves to go to Pickerel with her family and loves to eat ice cream, hot dogs, spaghetti, chicken soup and cherries and strawberries. She wants to be a doctor when she grows up!**

**Don’t Forget!!**

**Mondays** are gym days; please send you child in comfy shoes!  
**Wednesdays** are library days; please return your books on or before this day!

KEEP IN MIND YOUR CHILD CANNOT CHECK OUT A NEW BOOK UNTIL THEIR BOOK FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK IS RETURNED!!!!!

**Coming Up…**

Important dates to remember!

October 28: 4K Halloween Round Robin

November 4: Picture Retake day

November 17: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 18: Daytime Parent Teacher Conference

November 19: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences

Happy Birthday to You!

**Karleigh Kluever celebrated her 5th birthday with the PM class last week!**

**Georgia Atkins will celebrate turning 5 with the AM class this week!**

**Conferences**

I will be scheduling parent teacher conferences soon and will notify you of your assigned date and time by Monday, November 3.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation and flexibility. I will do my best to honor your time requests.

Also, please know that conferences are a time for you and me to discuss your child’s strengths and progress so far in school. This is much easier to do when we can talk one on one as adults. I ask the children DO NOT attend conferences as some issues are easier to discuss without little ears in the room. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding conferences.

THANK YOU!